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SUBJECT: SALE OF C-130S TO SUDAN

REF: JIDDA 8793 AND PREVIOUS

1. REGARDING ALLEGED SUDANESE DESIRE SPLIT C-130 CONTRACT, WE BELIEVE BEST POLICY FOR USG AT THIS JUNCTURE IS TO REFRAIN FROM RAISING MATTER WITH SUDANESE UNLESS THEY RAISE IT THEMSELVES. BASED ON REFTEL, SAUDIS HAVE NO SPECIAL DESIRE TO TAMPER WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AND WE CERTAINLY DO NOT. NEITHER HERE NOR AT DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE HAVE SUDANESE EVER SUGGESTED MAKING ANY CHANGES TO US. TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF SPLITTING C-130 CONTRACT, WE FEAR, WOULD ONLY CONFUSE SUDANESE UNNECESSARILY. WE THINK IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO AVOID THIS SORT OF THING NOW THAT F-5 DISCUSSIONS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE SOON. IN ANY CASE, AS DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED, C-130 SALE ALREADY INVOLVES MORE THAN ONE FMS CASE AND IN THAT SENSE IS ALREADY SPLIT.

2. COMMENT: C-130 TRANSACTION WAS FIRST FMS CONTRACT FOR SUDANESE AND UNDERSTANDABLY IT TOOK WHILE FOR THEM TO COMPREHEND FULLY ALL FMS PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, THEY HAD TO INCLUDE ALL ASSOCIATED COSTS INCLUDING TRAVEL (E.G. TO DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE) TO BE ABLE OBTAIN FULL SAUDI
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FINANCING. THEREFORE, AS ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL, THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION OVER SPECIFIC TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS AT BEGINNING, AND IT MAY BE THAT ALLEGED SUDANESE DESIRE SPLIT CONTRACT STEMS FROM THIS EARLY PERIOD. WE THINK THAT OVER PAST FEW MONTHS AND ESPECIALLY NOW THAT DEFINITIZATION CONFERENCE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, SUDANESE HAVE LARGELY OVERCOME INITIAL UNFAMILIARITY WITH OUR FMS PROCEDURES

AND CAN OPERATE SATISFACTORILY WITH EXISTING SALES CONTRACTS.
UNLESS THEY RAISE MATTER WITH US, WE INTEND NOT RPT NOT
TAKE INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH SUDANESE. BERGUS

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